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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/909,988
Confirmation Number	1372
Filing Date	July 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shigeru TANAKA
Group Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Jason Prone
Matter Number	Q64671
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on April 24, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below:

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name John M. Bird Registration No. 46,027

Signature John M. Bird Date June 27, 2003